

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend paragraph [0029] as follows:

[0029] Referring now to FIG. 2, a side view of a telescoping spiral staircase system [[2'']] 2' illustrating a floor stowed state in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention is shown. The staircase system 2'' is similar to the staircase system 2, but instead of being stowed between the overhead areas 6 is stowed in the floor [[7'']] 7'. The staircase system [[2'']] 2' is manually deployable from the floor [[7'']] 7'.